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Mr. R. Veerian :—" With reference to clause (*d*) I find that, with effect from the next school year, this difference will be abolished. Well, Sir, may I know whether, until then—until that happy day comes—we ought to leave the school for want of encouragement? What are we to do?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" I cannot give any opinion. It is left to the hon. Member."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" With regard to clause (*b*) it is stated that scholarships tenable from standards IV and V are being awarded by the Labour Department to pupils belonging to depressed classes. May I know why the Government should impose such restrictions?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" It is a matter of administrative necessity, Sir."

Prayers of the deputations of the committees of the Catholic Association of South Kanara.

* 1491 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state what orders have been passed or are contemplated to be passed on the several prayers of the deputations of the committees of the Catholic Association of South Kanara and of the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League, presented to the hon. the Minister during his visit to Mangalore last year, so far as the Educational Department is concerned, as to (i) recognition of the Catholic Indian Secular clergy and pastors as secondary trained teachers, (ii) larger grants-in-aid, (iii) fixed dates for publication of results of examinations and (iv) due representation of Christians in the District Educational Council?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1445.

Excise.

Consumption of opium in Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Kistna districts.

* 1492 *Q.*—Mr. P. C. Venkatapatiraju : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the quantity of opium consumed in each year by the people of each taluk in the districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godavari and Kistna for the last ten years?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Co-operative Societies.

Work done by Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 1493 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the newly appointed Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies are now doing only the same work which they were doing as Assistant Registrars or whether any non-credit work has been actually attempted by them;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that some of them are attending meetings of co-operative societies throughout the month to the neglect of more important duties; and